

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	42.4
Monthly flying-hour contract	42.8
Hours flown	0.4
Monthly offset	
33rd Rescue Squadron	75.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	60.0
Hours flown	-15.0
Monthly offset	
909th Air Refueling Squadron	155.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	148.7
Hours flown	-6.3
Monthly offset	
44th Fighter Squadron	92.0
Monthly sortie contract	20.0
Sorties flown	-72.0
Monthly offset	
67th Fighter Squadron	94.0
Monthly sortie contract	75.0
Sorties flown	-19.0
Monthly offset	
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Oct. 13	

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy
NE winds @ 20 knots
High: 82 Low: 72

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
NE winds @ 15 knots
High: 81 Low: 73

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy
NE winds @ 20 knots
High: 81 Low: 73

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITY BANK
EXCHANGE RATES
BUYING: \$1=¥107 SELLING: ¥112=\$1

Tee house opens its doors



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Tech. Sgt. Ariel Amposta (left) and Staff Sgt. Adan Jaime enjoy lunch at the recently reopened Tee House located at the Banyan Tree Golf Course, Wednesday.

By 1st Lt. Chrystal Smith
18th Wing Public Affairs

After nearly two years and \$4.8 million worth of extensive plastic surgery, the Banyan Tree Golf Course Tee House Restaurant is now ready to once again entertain visitors.

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, along with many others were present to witness the doctor cutting away the bandages.

"It was like opening a new house," said Tony "Hei Yu" Lykins, golf complex manager. "You encounter some problems, but they're not so big that they stop the show."

During grand opening remarks, Col. Ross Roley, 18th Services commander said, "In my opinion, this is the best golf facility in the Department of Defense."

After all the opening remarks were shared it was time to dig in.

Many people from the overflowing crowd joined the lunch line to get a long-awaited taste of various dishes.

The Tee House has a new menu that specializes in Texas-styled barbecue.

Golf complex patrons can now enjoy lunch inside the dining area, or they can enjoy dining outside with views that overlook the South China Sea and Kadena flight line. Golfers can also enjoy ordering lunch from the ninth hole of the course and pick it up as they drive through to the tenth hole.

The new and improved restaurant is only one of the amenities of the Banyan Tree Golf Course. The golf complex now offers new and improved services.

It has one of the largest pro shops in the Pacific, with a selection of popular golf name brands and apparel to outfit golfers of all ages, including juniors and babies.

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Waskow flies final mission



Air Force/Airman Gary Edwards
SPRAY: (Center) Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander, runs for cover as he is hosed down by 18th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters and colleagues after completing his final flight here Oct. 8. After 34 years of service, the Air Force Academy graduate plans to retire this December. The general said his greatest accomplishment was getting the opportunity to serve with Airmen defending the United States. General Waskow has more than 4,500 flight hours, including 904 combat hours, and 2,000 hours in the F-15 Eagle.
INSET: General Waskow suits up before his final flight.

Thrift Savings Plan open season kicks off today

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Starting today, civilian and military employees here can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contributions during the "open season."

The open season, which ends December 31,

applies only to regular TSP contributions, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Contribution elections or changes made between now and Dec. 11 will take effect Dec. 12 for civilian and military employees.

There are five TSP funds to choose from: Government Securities Investment Fund, Common Stock Index Investment Fund, the Fixed Income Index Investment Fund, the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment Fund.

Currently, servicemembers can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss. They can also enroll by filling out a TSP-U-1 form at the military personnel flight, finance office or family support center.

Military members can contribute up to 10 per-

cent of their base pay, as long as the annual total doesn't exceed \$14,000 for 2005.

All Air Force civilian employees can make their contribution elections or changes electronically at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm, or by calling (800) 383-0893 or commercial (210) 565-3775.

Federal Employees' Retirement System employees may contribute up to 15 percent of basic pay each pay period, while Civil Service Retirement System employees may contribute up to 10 percent basic pay, without receiving agency contributions.

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, visit www.tsp.gov.

Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell, AFPC Public Affairs, contributed to this article.



Learning to be a good facilitator

By Major Angel Olivares
18th Mission Support Squadron
commander

I once heard about the concept of facilitating in a Stephen Covey class I took as a second lieutenant. Back then the era of Strategic Air Command was the management tool of the day...here is the line...cross the line, suffer the consequences. Although in some instances this type of direction is still needed in some arenas when concerning reliability and safety issues, we as an Air Force have found better tools to assist us in working as a team.

The role of a facilitator focuses on seeking a collective effort, building cohesion and morale, and managing interpersonal conflict. I know you are probably saying this guy must have got stuck in the "Total Quality Management" era and never came out. To some extent I can agree with you. The tools provided during that time period

can really be applied today. I have taken all of these tools and have applied them throughout my career.

As you know, we as leaders play various roles throughout our daily lives and some roles are more dominant than others. My most dominant role is that of facilitator. The facilitator has three major goals in mind while trying to help a group accomplish a task. The first and foremost is building a cohesive team. In some instances the cohesive team is in place and it is easy to sit back and watch the team perform. In other instances, there is no team and you have to start from scratch and that is okay. This is when you as a facilitator really earn your money. The team has certain roles it must fulfill. First it must be committed to a common goal or purpose (the fuel for the fire). Second it must have clear roles and responsibilities that are interdependent. Third is communication, the ability to share ideas in a safe environment. Finally

We must embrace the facilitator role....and work as a team to move forward in making our piece of the puzzle as strong as the next.

the group must have a sense of mutual accountability.

We as leaders must strive to build solid cohesive teams that have a common purpose (accomplishing the mission), create clear roles and responsibilities (holding each team player accountable to the success of the team) and provide an environment conducive to open, clear communication. In the face of recent force shaping initiatives, and higher demands with less players, we must embrace the facilitator role and work as a team to move forward in making our piece of the puzzle as strong as the next.

ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Gate 5 Usage

Gate 5 morning operations should be reevaluated. I observed on Sep. 17 at about 6:45 a.m. the security guard turning away single drivers from entering the base. I was allowed to enter since my son accompanied me. The sign on the gate indicates certain times for different category of vehicles to enter at those times. Could you reconsider that provision since buses aren't flowing continuously through that gate. I have not experienced large volume of traffic impeding the flow into the base at that early time of the morning. I believe that this is a very convenient entry for personnel who live outside of that gate area. I believe that Gate 5 operations are for the intended use of the school buses during the school year and other than that it is closed. During those short hours of operation, a.m. and p.m., do you think that would help our base workers to come on base without encountering the long lines like that those experienced at gate 1 and 2? I believe that this is a quality of life issue that should be looked at once again. Lastly, some guards have allowed or not questioned who comes through if they show the proper credentials. Please don't come down on those young airmen

security guards. Thank you very much.

After the September 11th terrorist attacks we found that elevated Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) caused significant school delays due to school buses getting caught in traffic jams at our gates. After discussing the problem with the superintendent, principals, and security forces, Gate 5 was designated as a school bus and carpool gate to improve the flow of students to school. After some tweaking Gate 5 hours for all base traffic were adjusted to 6:15 a.m. to 6:45 a.m., and 6:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for buses and carpools only. We must keep this policy in place while in lower FPCONs to minimize the impact on our children's education — if we allowed all traffic to enter gate 5 we'd be right back where we started, with long delays in school start times. Thanks for understanding the necessity to sacrifice some convenience for the sake of our schoolchildren on Kadena. As a reminder, on or about 1 Nov 04 Gate 5 will be opened full-time when Gate 2 closes for construction. After construction is completed at Gate 2, Gate 5 will again be designated for school bus and carpool use only after 6:45 a.m. in the morning and open for all traffic in the afternoon.



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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Master Sgt. Ruth Hutchinson

18th Logistic Readiness Squadron, superintendent, Flight Service Center

Hometown: Edison, Ga.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Hutchinson superbly manages a team of 11 dedicated professionals responsible for supporting the largest repair cycle inventory in PACAF and the largest LRS in the Air Force.

Time at Kadena: 5 years 5 months

Editor's note: *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

Drink, drive, discharge

A Kadena staff sergeant was convicted of driving his mini-bike in base housing while drunk with a breath-alcohol content of .214 percent and without wearing required personal protective equipment. This conduct violated Article 111 of the UCMJ. He previously received two Articles 15 for drunk and disorderly conduct, being drunk on duty, and for inappropriate behavior with a trainee at his previous assignment. He was sentenced to 21 days confinement, reduction in rank to airman first class and forfeiture of \$500 per month for four months. The airman was discharged one month after release.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know--25,000 people die each year in alcohol related vehicle accidents--according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

SUICIDE/VIOLENCE BRIEFING: The Life Skills Support Center is holding a suicide and violence briefing Nov. 18 at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Keystone Theater.

DINING-OUT: The 18th Wing is hosting a Dining-out to celebrate 50 years on Kadena Nov. 5 at the Rocker NCO Club. Contact your group point-of-contact, or Master Sgt. Teresa Hall at 634-4234.

PRESCRIPTION RECALL: The U.S. Naval Hospital and 18th Medical group are no longer dispensing VIOXX prescriptions. They are urging patients to stop taking the medication and obtain the substitute. Call 643-7557 at USNH, 630-4591 at Kadena Clinic, or visit their pharmacies to have the substitute prescription filled. Contact your primary care clinic about alternate treatments and concerns.

GATE 2 CONSTRUCTION: Kadena's Gate 2 will close on or about Nov. 1 for gate construction. When Gate 2 closes, Gate 5 will open full time. However, pedestrian traffic may continue to enter and exit through Gate 2. When Gate 1 closes in February 2005, Gate 4 will open. Officials still expect renovations to be completed by February 2006.

A lesson in leadership



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Senior Airman Richard Lopez commands the Falcon flight from the Erwin Airman Leadership School, Tuesday. As part of the course, all students must take control of the flight, issue commands and march the flight. Airman Lopez is a dental technician with the 18th Dental Squadron here.

LOST AND FOUND: The 18th Security Forces Squadron currently maintains lost and found property, such as bicycles, billfolds, keys and watches. If anyone has lost any such items, can contact security forces Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 634-4643.

ESC COSTUME CONTEST: The Enlisted Spouses Club will host a costume

contest Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Bring a \$5 gift for a game.

POWER OUTAGE: Bioenvironmental, Women Infants and Children, and the Health and Wellness Center at Building 428 will be closed Tuesday due to a scheduled power outage. Gas mask fit testing will still be conducted in

Bldg. 798 from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

COLLEGE FAIR: Kadena and Kubasaki high schools will provide a forum for college-bound students to learn more about stateside colleges and universities Tuesday, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Kadena High School gymnasium /forum. Anyone with a college degree can participate by e-mailing Cathy Riedel, Kadena High School's senior counselor, at catherine.riedel@pac.odedodea.edu.

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS: The Pacific Okinawa Players will perform today at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Foster Community Center. To reserve tickets, e-mail pops_vp@hotmail.com.

JOINT SERVICES 24-HOUR HELP LINE TRAINING: Bi-annual training for volunteers will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, call 634-0634.

THEATER TICKET PRICES INCREASE: AAFES movie ticket prices will increase by 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children effective today. For more information, call 645-8018 or 645-7703.

NEW REQUIREMENTS AT JSVRO: The Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office has new requirements for PCS or terminating SOFA status customers. E-mail jsvro@mcbbutler.usmc.mil or call 645-7481/3963.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Senior Airmen Brandy Walker and Patrina Fonville, life support specialists with the 353rd Special Operations Group, inspect 20-person life raft accessory kits. The kits contain items such as survival radios, raft repair kits, emergency signaling devices and water de-salting pumps.

Special operations life support offers key to aircrew survival

By Master Sgt. Michael Farris
353rd Special Operations Group
Public Affairs

Like James Bond being led through a showroom of new gadgets, Capt. Craig Martin, an MC-130P Combat Shadow pilot, is introduced to the latest and greatest gizmos that will get him out of a jam.

In the back corner of the 17th Special Operations Squadron is an Air Force version of Q's laboratory, the hi-tech superstore that supplies air commandos of the Pacific with modern kits that chip-in when the chips are down.

The 17th SOS life support section supplies and maintains life rafts, helmets, radios, night-vision devices and an assortment of other survival devices for aircrew members.

Aside from seat belts and life preservers (aka Delta and Northwest), this six-person section outfits each flyer with enough gear to survive a catastrophe and evade enemies.

Airman 1st Class Brian

Sprouse developed his love for gadgetry while scampering through the forest near his rural West Virginia boyhood home.

"We used to make potato guns and have elaborate battles with friends and neighbors," he said. "Now I live those childhood dreams of high-tech gizmos that help the good guys win."

Sprouse recently celebrated his first anniversary as a blue-suiter, but don't equate his rookie status with inexperience.

"I love a full flying schedule," he said. "Every mission requires updates and changes — tweaking and counting and making sure the crew has what they need. The days seem to race by when I'm continually hopping from one plane to the next."

Airman 1st Class Collette Habersham adjusts Capt. Martin's helmet and leads him into the night-vision goggle test center. The pitch-black room suddenly turns a spooky shade of green when Habersham swings the goggles into position in front of Martin's face. After a few minutes of acclimation and minor

focus adjustments, Martin has gained both a critical advantage over adversaries and another high-speed tool to put up his sleeve. Night has become, perhaps not day, but at least dusk.

Handheld global position satellite units combined with survival radios allow downed crewmembers to effectively hail a taxi from a barren mountaintop 10,000 miles away. The gear provides aircrews the reassurance that should the unthinkable occur, they have a solid Plan B and a means to survive.

The tireless team fidgets and fiddles with the all the gear, they check and certify, run trials and tests. They put equipment through its paces and deliver top-notch survivability to the crews.

First aid kits, mirrors, signaling devices and salt-water purification systems (shaken, not stirred) may not be as futuristic as jet packs or imitation fingerprints, but the 17th SOS life support team provides the best chance for survival for Kadena's air commandos.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Senior Airman Patrina Fonville, a life support specialist with the 17th Special Operations Squadron, drills a guide-hole for a night-vision goggle mount. Night-vision goggles are mounted directly onto helmets to allow hands-free operation.

Kadena approach control only Rapcon in Okinawa

Air traffic controllers bust behinds, not aircraft separation

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

With more than 160,000 operations per year, Kadena's Radar Approach Control (RAPCON), known in radio communications with pilots as "Okinawa Approach," is the only RAPCON that provides approach control in Okinawa.

"We orchestrate the arrival and departure flow for all of Okinawa's airports – everything that lands or departs the island is controlled by this facility," said Master Sgt. Sal Ordorica, 18th Operations Support Squadron deputy chief controller.

Okinawa Approach is unique in that it is the only Department of Defense air traffic control facility that controls airspace designated by the international civil aviation organization as Class B.

"That makes Okinawa Approach pretty special when you consider that Class B airspace is specifically reserved for the area surrounding the world's most complex and busiest airports," he said.

"Although we're the primary approach control, we are still only one piece of the entire ATC system," said Chief Master Sgt. Sean Stevenson, 18th Operations Support Squadron chief controller. "Okinawa Approach is part of a multi-national and multi-service air traffic control team that ensures flight safety for Okinawa," he said.

The controllers work hand-in-hand with Japan Civil Aviation Bureau air traffic control counterparts in Naha Tower, Naha Ground Controlled Approach, and Naha Area Control Center, as well as U.S. Air Force controllers at Kadena Tower, and U.S. Marine Corps controllers at Futenma Tower. Together, this cohesive team of Japanese and U.S. air traffic controllers ensure safety of flight for all aircraft – both civilian and military – that fly in Okinawa's airspace.

The RAPCON controls a 50 nautical mile radius around Kadena from the surface to 20,000 feet. The airspace includes Futenma, Naha and Kadena airports as well as any non-controlled airports – airports without a control tower. Of the 160,000 operations controlled annually by Okinawa



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Staff Sgt. Brandon Chatman, 18th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control watch supervisor, keeps an eye on aircraft on the radar scope at Kadena's Radar Approach Control facility. The RAPCON is the only Department of Defense air traffic control facility that provides approach control in Okinawa and performs more than 160,000 operations per year.

Approach, 75 percent are civilian aircraft flying into or out of Naha, 15 percent are Kadena's traffic, and 10 percent are from Futenma and U.S. Navy carrier-based aviation.

"Naha is the fourth busiest airport in Japan, and what most people don't realize is that we work all the Naha traffic as well as Kadena and Futenma," said Staff Sgt. Paul Cooper, 18th Operations Support Squadron watch supervisor. "We are the only DoD facility in the Pacific that works this amount of traffic."

Staff Sgt. Brandon Chatman, 18th Operations Support Squadron watch supervisor also agreed that air traffic at Kadena is really busy. "That's an understatement," he said. "It can get fairly congested with traffic, but we are trained properly to handle it."

Both watch supervisors agree that while the RAPCON's high traffic operations may get stressful at times, that is the reason they enjoy it.

"Having all those aircraft in the air at one time, each aircraft valued at millions of dollars with hundreds

of people on board and the satisfaction of controlling each aircraft in a timely and efficient manner while making sure all those people get to their destination safely...it's priceless," said Sergeant Chatman.

In addition to the challenging workload, Sergeant Cooper enjoys ATC because of the trainees. "One of the best things about this job is watching the trainees in position," he said. "They don't always know proper phraseology, so sometimes they'll say something while talking to an aircraft and we'll be like, 'where in the world did you get that?'"

The heavy workload is not the only thing that makes air traffic control at Kadena so complex. Sergeant Chatman said the language barrier in Okinawa can be tough. "Speaking English your whole life and trying to talk to Japanese pilots – English being their second language – their pronunciation can be difficult to understand," he said. "Having 20 to 30 aircraft at one time and hearing 'Confirm this,' or 'Verify that' fre-

quently because it's difficult for them to understand what we are saying, can get very stressful at times."

It can be difficult mixing civilian and military aircraft. "Though it's not necessarily hard, sequencing a Boeing 747 and an F-15 fighter is like apples and oranges," said Sergeant Chatman.

"Having a supersonic jet aircraft following a civilian airliner – fighters land at 200 to 250 knots, while 747's land at 140 to 200 knots – the spacing between those aircraft can sometimes be difficult to achieve," he said. "That's why we train so extensively."

There are 40 air traffic controllers that staff Okinawa Approach, which includes five Marines. Marine Cpl. Abby Davis, air traffic controller from Camp Futenma Tower, said that they are here to operate the precision approach radar and also to get a more diversified training environment. "It's really fast-paced here, but I like it because everyday is different, it's always challenging and we're always learning," she said.

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said patrons should look forward to other enhancements to take place as time goes by.

Patrons should expect a new chipping green, as well as newly cultivated putting greens on all the holes.

Getting the facility open was a joint 18th Services Squadron effort that stirred up feelings of

pride, the complex manager said.

"Right before the grand opening many of the Services divisions came out to help," he said. "There were more than 100 people cleaning, dusting, mopping...it was really a great pleasure seeing that many folks from Services get together to make this happen."

The Tee House Restaurant hours of operation are: Sunday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Fire prevention week a success at Kadena

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

The Kadena Fire Department held fire prevention week Oct. 3 through 9 to raise awareness of some simple safety practices and to help lower national fire death and injury rates.

Kadena's fire department topped previous years' activities, holding multiple events during the week to teach Kadena residents how to escape from their homes in the event of a fire, said Master Sgt. Norman Hewlett, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron fire prevention assistant chief.

"It's the longest running observance in our nation and for me, I feel that it's one time a year that firefighters can really put on a show; to show what we do, how we do it, and even why we do it," he said.

Despite the threat of Typhoon Ma-On, the entire fire department flight stepped up to make this a huge success, said Staff Sgt. Joey Chastain, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector.

More than 450 people showed up for the fire prevention trailer and ambulance show at the base exchange, explained Sergeant Hewlett.

"The kids trailer is a mock-up living room, kitchen, and bedroom. In those are different things we can do to educate children. For example, we can send smoke through the trailer to teach kids to get down low to escape from the house, or to not open the door when it's hot," he said.

Other events held Oct. 3 at the BX included a grease fire demonstration and a fire extinguisher inspection and demonstration.

Fire department headquarters also held an open house Oct. 9, that included a fire truck static display, a firefighter fitness

course demonstration, a decontamination trailer exhibit and a smoke room.

Tori, 3-year-old daughter of Kerri and Kirk Buggert, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, went into the smoke room at the open house. "It smells like burnt cookies," said Tori after she came out.

The smoke room showed adults and children what a room filled with smoke is actually like and how to get through it, said Sergeant Norman.

Five-year-old Halie Buggert learned what to do in case of a fire.

"If the door is hot, use another door or go out the window," she said.

Halie also won a BX gift certificate for knowing this year's theme for fire prevention week: "Test your smoke alarms."

Sergeant Hewlett said smoke alarms are the great safety success story of the 20th Century.

"Statistics show that homes with working smoke alarms typically have a death rate that is 40-50 percent less than the rate for homes without smoke alarms. When there is a fire, you may only have two minutes to get out of your home," he said.

Working smoke alarms are essential, but only part of the solution, said Sergeant Hewlett. "Kids and families must also know what to do when the alarm sounds."

Kadena Fire and Emergency Services encourages all families to test their smoke alarms once a month, practice home fire drills to be certain everyone is familiar with the smoke alarm signal, and determine if there are any obstacles to a quick and safe evacuation.

"If you discover that your installed smoke alarm in family housing is non-operational, report it to housing maintenance at 634-4663," said Sergeant Hewlett.

In addition to familiarization with a smoke alarm, Sergeant Hewlett said parents should teach their children emergency reporting so they know what they're going to encounter when they call 911. Parents should know how to use a fire extinguisher and should teach their children how to use it too. He also recommends doing a systematic home inspection.

"The most common cause of fire in homes is inattentive cooking fires—people not paying attention and leaving food unattended," he said.

The fire department also sponsored a fire prevention week poster contest for local elementary and intermediate schools.

Overall winners of the contest were: first place winner Theresa Helget, third grader at Kadena Elementary School; second place winner Jennifer Son, third grader at KES; and third place winner Kalena Picard, fifth grader at Amelia Earhart Intermediate School.

Looking back, Sergeant Hewlett felt the weeklong event was a success. "We really enjoyed putting this together and we had excellent help, tremendous support, and an excellent staff."

The Kadena fire department is responsible for covering 84 square miles of Okinawa. In the last year, the fire department responded to nearly 2,500 calls.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the 1871 Great Chicago Fire that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings. The fire began Oct. 8, but did most of its damage Oct. 9, said Sergeant Hewlett.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge signed a proclamation stating a national observance on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls.



Children from Bob Hope Foundation Week, Oct. 7. The Ka



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Chance Willeford, 13, tries out the "sled" during an open house at the fire department headquarters, Saturday. The sled is part of a physical fitness course firefighters must complete once a year that simulates 'real fire' situations.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class
Children stay low as simulated smoke fills the "Safety House," Oct. 5. The "Safety House" trailer is a simulated environment that fills with a safe smoke to simulate the experience of a real fire.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
y School raise their hands in response to Staff Sgt. Joey Chastain (left) and Staff Sgt. Corey Coleman (right) during a fire department visit to the school for Fire Prevention. The Fire Department traveled to several schools with their "Safety House" to educate children on how to properly exit a house in case of a fire.



Michael Pallazola
and home



Air Force/A1C Michael Pallazola
GOING UP: The Kadena Fire Department demonstrates some of the challenges they face from fires during an obstacle course demonstration, Saturday.

COOK: Theresa Helget puts the lid on a grease fire at the Kadena Fire Department Headquarters open house, Saturday. The open house had many demonstrations and giveaways for kids.

The Okinawa Perspective

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

The following is a synopsis of articles about Kadena and the U.S. military that appeared in the locally published newspapers Okinawa Times and the Ryukyu Shimpo recently.

□ Kadena received positive media coverage recently for its contributions to the Kadena Language Institute internship program.

□ Kadena officials allowed local government officials to view the F-15s involved in an Oct. 4 mid-air collision. An Air Force official explained that the accident resulted from inadvertent contact between both aircraft and not from any mechanical malfunction. The 12th Fighter Squadron stood down for two days, then resumed operational flights to maintain pilot proficiencies. Two F-15s from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, arrived at Kadena Oct. 13 to replace the two jets involved.

□ More than 3,000 people gathered in Naha to call for the closure of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and protest its relocation to Nago.

□ Local officials announced earlier this month the unemployment rate on Okinawa for September was 7.7 percent, which is slightly lower than August's rate. More than 49,000 Okinawans are unemployed — 4,000 less than the previous year.

□ The Okinawa City Assembly, however, shelved the opportunity to inspect the involved aircraft due to a disagreement with one of the assembly factions.

□ Foreign Minister of Japan Nobutaka Machimura met with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington to discuss U.S. Forces Japan realignment. Machimura explained Japan's position of trying to reduce the burden on Okinawa while abiding by U.S.-Japan Security Agreements.

□ Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs will visit Okinawa Saturday to talk with Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine about various issues concerning the island, including the realignment of U.S. military bases in Japan.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory

Russ Smith pulls on the rope during the Naha Tug of War in Naha City October 10. More than 280,000 Okinawans and Americans took part in the 300-year-old tradition that competes for status in the Guinness Book of World Records. Okinawa's capital city divided into teams from the east and west to pull the rope that was more than 186 meters long, 1.56 meters wide and weighed more than 40 tons. Tug of wars are traditionally conducted in Okinawa as a rite to ensure a good harvest and prosperity for the coming year. The tug of war competition was the highlight of the three-day festival last weekend.

Festivals entertain all nationalities

Yanbaru Industry Festival

Mid-October

Location: Nago Civic Hall

Mainland Okinawa's 12 northern municipalities convene to showcase the specialty goods of the north (the northern region is familiarly known as Yanbaru) at this 3-day industry festival. Live performances of traditional performing arts, as well as those of Okinawan musicians, can be seen.

The 30th Gushikawa Festival

Saturday-Sunday

Location: Gushikawa City

The city's biggest festival, featuring Gushikawa's own culture and performing arts.

The two-day festival features events like costume parades, a beauty pageant, fireworks, local performing arts, a bullfighting tournament and the Banquet of the Dragon God, where lion-dances are performed.

The 12th Onna Village Cultural Exhibition

Nov. 3, 2004

Location: Onna Village Community

The Festival is held every November and hosted by the Onna Village Culture Association to encourage cultural activities among villagers, which in turn contributes to the development of regional culture. Performances of Ryukyuan classical music; Ryukyuan dance, Taisho harp, drum and traditional performing arts; and choral singing should entertain everyone.

Kadena Airmen to March in Okinawa International Carnival

Nov. 6-7, 2004

Location: Okinawa City

Every year approximately 400 Airmen and their families participate in the opening ceremony, international parade, and sporting events of the Okinawa City International Carnival. Airport Street goes crazy in feverish excitement in the International Great Tug-of-War, one of the main events, as the event itself becomes a melting pot of all nationalities. This year the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia "Pacific Trends" will play American and Japanese music at the Okinawa Kids Discovery Kingdom Nov. 7. Other programs include the Ms. Hibiscus Contest, Evening of Folk Performing Arts, a bullfighting tournament and a Samba Parade, among others. Up to 150 adult volunteers are needed Nov. 7 to march in the parade. Call Keiko Toma at 634-7485, if interested. Volunteers are also needed to help weave two giant ropes Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Oct. 30 and 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. Call Kayoko Colston at 634-5696. Kadena Youth Programs needs 150 Kadena youths to volunteer for an international Children's Tug of War on Gate 2 Street, Nov. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact the youth center at 634-0500.

The 25th Tsuboya Pottery Festival

planned for November, 2004

Location: Naha City Yogi Park

Tsuboya pottery masters exhibit their finest works, from jars to various other goods, which are sold for 20%-30% off the market price. There are many attraction booths like a pottery square, where people can make Shisa (lion-dog) masks and actually get their hands on the pottery wheel; another booth that exhibits selected works of young artists; and a consultation booth for up and coming artists. There are a few events, including masters producing works in a relay system, and flag bearing demonstrations. Courtesy of the Okinawa Convention and Visitors Bureau

Today

RIGHT HAND PERSONS EVENING: Say thanks to your significant other (your right hand man or woman) for all they do with an evening of free snacks and fun at the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m.

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

FOOTBALL FRENZY: Root for your team while enjoying complimentary pizza and enter a free drawing for a hat and jersey set. Starts at 5 p.m. at the Kadena Officers' Club. Club members only.

RETIRED APPRECIATION DINNER: The Rocker NCO Club will host a dinner for Retired Military Club Member Appreciation Day Nov. 11 from noon to 3 p.m. RSVP Oct. 15 to Nov. 5 at the NCO Club or Officers' Club Customer Service Counter.

OKTOBERFEST: Listen to the Brass Hose Band entertainment while enjoying lots of Oktoberfest style foods at the Rocker NCO from 5 to 8 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER: Be sure to sign-up for November classes. Schedules available at the Arts and Crafts Center or call 634-1666.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290/5572.

POTLUCK POURING PARTY: Pour the night away with ceramic slips from 5 to midnight at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

THUNDER BOWL: Rock 'n bowl fun with Rock 300 music from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Dancehall Reggae party, Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. and Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Super Snacks Social and Deja Vu with the Doctor from 5 to 7 p.m. Variety dance beats from 7 p.m. until closing.

Saturday

OKTOBERFEST: Enjoy a complimentary German-style buffet, entertainment and more at the Kadena Officers' Club parking lot at 4 p.m. Open to club members only.

PET ADOPTION DAY: Pets can be adopted on the spot from Karing Kennels at the Kadena BX from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 632-4062 for more details.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour session for ages 5 and up from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

CARD AND COMIC SHOW: Free admission. Buy, trade or sell comics, cards and other collectables at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR: For more information call 634-4322.

WESTERN NIGHT: Country hits and fun in the Weekender Lounge at the Kadena Officers' Club from 6 to midnight. Club members only.

GUSHIKAWA FESTIVAL AND BULL-FIGHTING TOUR: Call 634-4322.

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Free buffet-style dinner, members only, from 5 to 7 p.m. Games and giveaways from 7 to 9 p.m. followed by Coyote Ugly Night at 10 p.m.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Country night with DJ Leis from 8 p.m. until closing in the ballroom and R&B from 8 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: At the Rocker NCO from 8 p.m. until closing and Top 40 hits and Latin music in the lounge.

Sunday

SHURI CASTLE AND SHIKINA-EN TOUR: For more information call 634-4322.

COLLEGE GAME DAY: Watch the "Big Game" in the lounge at the Rocker NCO Club from 7:30 a.m. until the end of the game. Open to all ranks and services.

TUNNEL RATS TOUR: For more information call 634-4322.

FAMILY DAY: Bowling games are reduced price for parents and children that bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 634-2290/5572.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Top 40 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: All that Jazz and table and card games from 5 to 8 p.m., and Old School music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Monday

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290/5572 for more information.

\$50,000 BINGO: Play for a chance to win BIG at the Rocker NCO Club. Tickets cost \$85.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

CAKE DECORATING: From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: 50 cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out and variety dance hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Rock around the clock with C Note from 7 p.m. until closing.

Tuesday

FOOTBALL FRENZY: Catch the game and enter to win prizes at the Banyan Tree Club starting at 5 p.m. Club members only.

TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

SING TO WIN: Karaoke contest at the Rocker NCO club starting at 9 p.m. First place weekly winners receive \$100 and will compete in the grand final, Nov. 16 for \$500 first place overall. Call 634-0740.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290/5572.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing and pool tournament at 8 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Krazy Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday

CATFISH FRY: At the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m. Open to members for \$5.95 and nonmembers for \$6.95.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

TEA CEREMONY TOUR: For more information call 634-4322.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290/5572.

BRASS HOSE BAND: Enjoy a OctoberFest style dinner buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by entertainment with the Brass Hose Band at 7 p.m. Free for club members and spouses.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Request night Top 40 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Social Hour from 9 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Ladies Night with Rob Ski from 8 p.m. until closing.

Thursday

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult classes from 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult

conversational class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290/5572.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Latin music from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by Country night with DJ Chaps from 7 p.m. until closing.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Hot Latin variety music from 10 p.m. until closing.

Oct. 22

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

RETIRED APPRECIATION DINNER: The Rocker NCO Club will host a dinner for Retired Military Club Member Appreciation Day Nov. 11 from noon to 3 p.m. RSVP Oct. 15 to Nov. 5 at the NCO Club or Officers' Club Customer Service Counter.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

URASHIMA DINNER THEATER: Call 634-4322.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER: Be sure to sign-up for November classes. Schedules available at the Arts and Crafts Center or call 634-1666.

THUNDER BOWL: Rock 'n bowl fun with Rock 300 music from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m., Underground Virus, and Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Super Snacks Social and Deja Vu with the Doctor from 5 to 7 p.m. Variety dance beats from 7 p.m. until closing.

KRAZY KARAOKE: At the Rocker NCO Club from 7 to 10 p.m. followed by Top 40 variety dance until 3 a.m.

Oct. 23

TANGERINE PICKING TOUR: For more information call 634-4322.

HANDMADE CRAFTS FAIR: Free admission. Shop for a variety of crafts created by on-island crafters at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT: Casino-style gaming night with prizes at the Rocker NCO Club. Tickets can be purchased at the Rocker NCO's customer service counter or any Kadena Chiefs Group Chief.

VENTURE UNDER THE SEA: Discover Okinawa field trip for youth ages 9-12 at the Ocean Expo Park which features dolphins and pilot whales in a free show. Call 634-0500 for more information.

40-FRAME BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m.; bowling begins at 7 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290/5572.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join

Practice makes perfect



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Girls from the Kadena Youth Services volleyball team, the Scorpions, practice for an upcoming game at the O'Connor Gym, Wednesday. Kadena Youth Services offers other sports including: soccer, cheerleading, basketball and baseball. Call the O'Connor gym, adjacent to the Risner Fitness Center, for more information at 634-1384.

the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour session for ages 5 and up from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR: For more information call 634-4322.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Country night with DJ Leis from 8 p.m. until closing in the ballroom and R&B from 8 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: At the Rocker NCO from 8 p.m. until closing and Top 40 hits and Latin music in the lounge.

Oct. 24

COLLEGE GAME DAY: Watch the Big Game in the lounge at the Rocker NCO Club from 7:30 a.m. until the end of the game. Open to all ranks and services.

BISQUE PAINTING FOR HALLOWEEN: For children 5 years and up at the Arts and Crafts Center from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 634-1666 for more information.

FAMILY DAY: Bowling games are reduced price for parents and children that bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 634-2290/5572.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Top 40 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: All

that Jazz and table and card games from 5 to 8 p.m. Old School music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Oct. 25

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program, while parents and children under 9 years of age are not permitted to bowl on the designated lanes. Call 634-2290/5572.

C H A P E L

Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Bldg. 327, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today: MR. 3000, PG-13, 6 p.m. Black Cloud, PG-13, 9p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: Black Cloud, PG-13, noon YU-GI-OH! The movie, PG, 4 p.m. MR. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Princess Diaries 2, G, noon MR. 3000, PG-13, 4p.m. Black Cloud, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Shark Tale, PG, 4:30 p.m. Shark Tale, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: Shark Tale, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: Princess Diaries 2, G, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: First Daughter, PG, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today: The Village, PG-13, 7 p.m. The Manchurian Candidate, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: First Daughter, PG, 1 p.m. YU-GI-OH! The movie, PG, 4 p.m. YU-GI-OH! The movie, PG, 7 p.m. The Manchurian Candidate, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: First Daughter, PG, 1 p.m. YU-GI-OH! The movie, PG, 4 p.m. The Manchurian Candidate, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Collateral, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: First Daughter, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: YU-GI-OH! The movie, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Black Cloud, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Officials say MUNS favored in upcoming game

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

Extramural co-ed softball action continues Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kadena's Four Diamonds softball complex. The following are capsules of each game provided by coaches and team contacts in the 17-team co-ed softball league.

Division II 623rd ACF to replay 733rd AMS?

In a battle for last place in Division II and its first win, the 623rd Air Control Flight was up against the winless 733rd Air Mobility Squadron and an umpire's call that sparked a protest to rule the game a do-over.

"The error was this: time had already expired after the top of the fifth inning, instead of letting us bat he (the umpire) told us to put a runner on second base, (he) should have just let us bat in the bottom of the fifth inning...if we didn't score," said 623rd ACF coach Nathan McKeever. But score they did, the placed runner and batter both scored which put the 623rd ahead by one. "Even if the runner on second base didn't count, we still scored another run after that and therefore we still would have been up by one," said McKeever. "We would have won the game anyway," he said.

"Once the game was over (assistant coach) Mike Smith e-mailed the gym to protest the call," AMS coach Brian Dixon said. "We look forward to playing the 623rd again."

The extramural director has ruled that the game will be replayed at the end of the season because of the mistake by the umpire. "It's my job to make sure all games are played fairly," said Staff Sgt. Bobbie Caron, 18th Services Squadron intramural director. "I understand the (623rd's) frustration. I'm sure they were very excited about winning their first game, but both of these teams are close in their standings. In the game, ACF's Jorge Gonzalez had two key hits, one that won the game in the bottom of the fifth. Kandise



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Henry Dowers (right), 18th Security Forces Squadron, looks to the umpire for a call after sliding to first base, Tuesday. Chris Fisher, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, caught the ball for a force out.

Bainter, ACF pitcher, tossed the entire game while her husband Darrell Bainter, second base, made key defensive stops according to McKeever. "In the last inning we came back and tied the game thanks to a base hit by Shaf-fiya Garofola that scored Laura Gurganus," said AMS' Dixon.

18th AES squeaks by 12th EFS, 16-12

The 12th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron tied it up 12-12 in the bottom of the fourth inning, then 18th Aerial Evacuation Squadron's first baseman John LaCroix hit a grand slam to win as time expired Oct. 7, according to AES coach John Trujillo.

554th RHS vs. 372nd Training Squadron

The 554th Red Horse Squadron's game against the 372nd Training Squadron on Oct. 7 was rescheduled because of mission requirements, according to RHS coach Jonathan Payton. The game has been rescheduled for Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. on field A2.

18th OSS gets bye

The 18th OSS did not play Oct. 7, said Tommy Byrns of the 18th Operations Support Squadron team. Although the team has been bashing other teams within the seven-team division with double-digit finishes, Byrns said he wouldn't say his team is dominating Division II. "We're lucky

enough to have some really good female players with a lot of experience who can crush the ball," Byrns said. "We get out and have a great time playing and pride ourselves on having good sportsmanship no matter what the outcome," said Byrns. The outcomes so far have been: a 10-0 early finish of 18th Aerial Evacuation Squadron on Sept. 23 and a 22-1 spanking of the 372nd Training Squadron on Sept. 30.

Division I

18th MUNS blows away 18th CMS, 21-6

The top of the first inning looked good for the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron as CMS' Eli Humphrey and Dan Miller put the team ahead 3-0. Then the 18th Munitions Squadron got its turn at bat. By the fourth inning the ammo onslaught was too much for the maintainers as the 15-run rule was called. "We are on fire right now," said MUNS coach Jeremy Griffin. "We should keep winning if we stick together. Nobody should beat us," he said.

The ammo onslaught got off to a start in the first inning with a grand slam by Pokey Haynes that brought in Candace Dugo, Michael Smith and Jamie Bailey. "We ended up getting 10 runs in the first (inning) with an in-the-park home run from Candace

(Dugo)," said Griffin. The second inning started off with another homerun from Pokey and a three-run homerun by Joey Steil, according to Griffin. "Pokey ended up going 3-3 with 3 homeruns, "Smitty" Smith went 3-3 with two doubles and Justin Cook hit the game winning home run in the bottom of the fourth," said Griffin.

"It's a blast coaching this team," said Griffin. "We all have fun and when our girls are hitting the ball, it gives the guys all the more reason to hit and get them to score. We look forward to next week when we play AMXS."

"Their girls are the key to the team," said CMS coach Adrian Abram. "They all hit the ball well and don't make mistakes in the field," he said. "They are the obvious favorites to take the league championship," Abram said.

18th LRS packs away 18th CS, 25-4

In the top of the first inning, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Scott Roe belted a pair of homers and LRS' Jeffrey Cross smacked one as well en route to a 15-run inning, according to LRS coach Gary Alexander. "We are hitting, scoring and having a great time," said Alexander. "The only negative on our team right now is 'our coach sucks,'" said Alexander with a laugh.

Other contributors to the LRS pickup of CS were Jennifer Zachary, Loralee Amandus, Christine Roe, Amy Alexander and Melisa Bumgardner who went 11 for 18 at the plate and scored a combined run total of 12 runs.

"Comm hit the ball better than the score reflects," said Alexander. "They just couldn't respond with a big inning of their own to get back into the game," he said.

18th EMS maintains 18th AMXS, 16-6

The 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron team ran a diagnostics check on the 18th

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron that ended 16-6. "We seem to be hitting the ball well but we have some costly errors that hurt us," said EMS coach Joseph Majkut. Nathan Aucker of EMS hit two doubles and a homerun in the maintainer matchup.

18th MSS edges 18th MDG, 15-14 (18-17)

Although the medics of the 18th Medical Group made a nice run in the last two innings after falling behind by 10 runs, time expired on the team as the 18th Mission Support Squadron edged the medics 15-14, or 18-17, according to coaches from the teams.

"We came out to play last night," said MSS coach Donnie "DT" Darling. "We had a few minor errors on the night, but nothing that hurt us in the long run," Darling said. The team repositioned some women players on the field in the beginning of the game and found their mark. "The ladies brought their A games," he said.

The medics apparently did not, according to MDG coach Nathan Hernandez. "We had a tough start by playing poor defense and not hitting," said Hernandez, who reported the score of the game as 18 to 17 with a question mark. "Bottom line...we did not play a good game," he said.

MSS' Darling, who reported the win as 15-14 with a question mark, said he led off the game with a solo homerun with the first at bat. Darling was 5 for 5 on the night with three homeruns, a double and a single. MSS' Carlo Aguon followed with two homers on the night and James "Tiger" Lee also hit a homerun for MSS. Brian Rice and Brad "Rhino" Swope also had solid hitting and fielding, according to Darling.

18th CES forfeits to 18th SFS

It was to be a match up to avoid last place, and the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron took the prize as it forfeited to the 18th Security Forces Squadron for not having enough women playing on the field.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tonight

Varsity Football
Samurai vs. Bucs, at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.
Shogun vs. the Islanders, at Kubasaki, 7:30 p.m.

Tennis
Kubasaki vs. Kadena at Risner, 3 p.m.

Junior Varsity Volleyball
Islanders vs. Okinawa Christian School, 4 p.m., double-header.

Saturday

Varsity Volleyball
Kubasaki vs. Okinawa, at Kubasaki, 2 p.m.
Kadena vs. Okinawa, at Kadena, 4:30 p.m.

Monday

Junior Varsity Football
Championship
No. 2 vs. No. 3, at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.

No. 1 vs. No. 4, at Kubasaki, 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday

Varsity Volleyball
OCSI vs. Kubasaki, at OCSI, 5 p.m.
Kadena vs. Okinawa, at Kadena, 7 p.m.

Junior Varsity Volleyball
Shogun vs. Islanders, at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Cross-Country
Kubasaki vs. Kadena, at White Beach, 3:45 p.m.

Junior Varsity Volleyball
Islanders vs. Bucs, at Kadena, 5 p.m.
Samurai vs. OCSI, at Kubasaki, 5 p.m., double-header.

Thursday

Tennis

Kadena vs. Kubasaki, at Risner, 3 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball
Kadena vs. OCSI, at Kadena, 7 p.m.

Kubasaki vs. Okinawa, at Kubasaki, 7 p.m.

Junior Varsity Volleyball
Bucs vs. Samurai, at Kadena, 5 p.m.